

Application & Instructions for Clinical Pastoral Education

Please respond to each of the following items using a separate attachment for your essays.

Applications may be emailed to mercycpe@mercy.net or sent with the application fee to the address under item 8.

1. Please complete the attached form and mail to the Center to which you are applying. Read instructions carefully before submitting. International applicants have additional requirements and deadlines. You may want to make a copy of a blank form before entering any data.
2. A reasonably full account of your life. Include, for example, significant and important persons and events, especially as they have impacted, or continue to impact, your personal growth and development. Describe your family of origin, current family relationships, and important and supportive social relationships.
3. A description of your spiritual growth and development. Include, for example, the faith heritage into which you were born and describe and explain any subsequent, personal conversions, your call to ministry, religious experiences, and significant persons and events that have impacted, or continue to impact, your spiritual growth and development.
4. A description of your work (vocational) history. Include a chronological list of jobs/positions/dates of employment and a brief statement about your current employment and work relationships.
5. An account of a "helping incident" in which you were the person who provided the help. Include the nature and extent of the request, your assessment of the issue(s), problem(s), situation(s). Describe how you came to be involved and what you did. Give a brief, evaluative commentary on what you did and how you believe you were able to help. *If you have had prior and **recent** CPE, please attach a copy of a **recent** verbatim as your 'helping incident' and add to the verbatim your own notes on how and what you learned from sharing this verbatim with your supervisor and/or peers. If you have had CPE, but it was more than two years ago, include a recent account of a helping incident, written up in a verbatim format. If possible, include feedback from current pastoral colleagues and/or administrative supervisor.*
6. Your impressions of Clinical Pastoral Education. Indicate, for example, what you believe or imagine CPE to be. Indicate if CPE is being required of you. Indicate any learning goals or issues of which you are aware and would like to address in CPE. Finally, indicate how CPE may be able to help you meet needs generated by your spiritual care practice or call to ministry. *If you have had prior CPE, please indicate the most significant learning experience you had during CPE. State how you have continued to use the clinical method since your previous experience. Indicate strengths and weaknesses that you have as they relate to your ministry and your identity as a professional person. Indicate any personal and/or professional learning goals and issues that you have at this time and how you believe that CPE will help you to attain or address these learning goals and issues*
7. You are required to complete an admissions interview with an ACPE Certified Educator or a person approved by the center to which you are applying, or at the center to which you are applying. Contact the center to check on their policy regarding admission interviews.
8. The application fee for CPE at Mercy is \$25, payable by check to: **Mercy Hospital CPE, Attn: Michelle Barone, Mercy Hospital-5H, Pastoral Education Center, 1235 E. Cherokee, Springfield, MO 65804.**
9. If you are an international applicant, you will have to obtain appropriate documentation from U.S. Immigration, which usually implies a visa and a US Social Security Number. Therefore, international applicants should have such documentation approved at least six (6) months prior to the start of the program to which they are applying. If offered employment, can you submit verification of your legal right to work in the U.S.? Yes No (Circle One)
10. An applicant with prior CPE should attach all previous self and supervisory evaluations and your signature below indicates you give permission for your previous CPE centers to release your evaluations for purposes of this application process.
11. Retain your own copy of this completed application and bring it with you to any interview for CPE.
12. Please attach a current resume.

I certify that all information in this application is factually true, complete, and honestly presented. I understand that I may be subject to disciplinary action, including admission revocation or program expulsion, should the information I've certified be false. I hereby give permission to the ACPE center to which I am applying to access my CPE evaluations and contact previous supervisory personnel about matters pertaining to this current application, and I consent for those contacted to provide the information sought. I verify that if sending in this application electronically it constitutes my electronic signature.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Print or type responses and mail completed application to the Center to which you are applying.

Applying for: Fall _____ Winter _____ Spring _____ Summer _____ 12 month residency* _____ Extended Unit _____

Preferred program/site (Circle one and provide additional information as indicated) Earliest date you can begin: _____

Mercy Springfield Mercy Oklahoma City Mercy St. Louis Other Mercy Location _____

Virtual: Name and Location of Clinical site _____

*Please note that residency programs usually require an in-person interview in their admissions process.

Directory Information

Name: _____ U.S. Citizen: Yes No

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____

Country & ZIP: _____ Email: _____

Day Tel.: _____ Alt Tel.: _____ Fax: _____

Permanent address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____

ZIP: _____ Country: _____ Alt Email: _____

Faith Group/Affiliation: _____

Denomination or Endorsing Body (if applicable): _____

Name of Local Faith Community: _____

Ordained/Licensed/Appointed: _____ Date: _____

College: Name/Degree/Date: _____

Grad Schl: Name/Degree(s)/Date(s): _____

Prior CPE Dates:	Center	Educator
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Academic Reference

(Name/Title): _____

Ph: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ Email: _____

Faith Group Reference (name/title): _____

Ph: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ Email: _____

Personal Reference (name/relationship): _____

Ph: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ Email: _____

Signature of applicant: _____ **Date:** _____